"The LORD hath sworn, and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek." (Ps. 110:4 KJV)

*Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. He was priest of God Most High. He blessed him, and said, "Blessed be Abram of God Most High, possessor of heaven and earth. Blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand." Abram gave him a tenth of all.*—Genesis 14:18-20 (WEB)

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Valley Grace Brethren Church of Armagh, Pennsylvania
Sunday, June 27th, AD 2021

# The LORD'S Day

The Twenty-seventh Day of June, *in the Year of our Lord* 2021

Welcome to the worship services of Valley Grace Brethren Church!

## Sunday School—9:30 AM.

We continue our studies in the **History of the Christian Church**. We are currently working on a sub-series relating to the issue of **God & Government**. Today, we consider issues of war and peace. For centuries, believers have hotly debated the topic *"When is it right to fight?"*

## Morning Worship—10:30 AM.

Call to Worship:* *"Praise Him, All Ye Little Children"* (#435; v. 1)

Invocation.*

Hymn: *"Nothing but the Blood* (#264)."

Prayer for Tithes & Offerings.

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 7:1-11.

Prayer, Praises, & Testimony.

Hymn: *"There's Power in the Blood* (#268)."

Announcemnts.

Hymn: *"My Savior's Love* (#256)."

Dismissal of Youth for Kid's Church.

Greeting One Another.

Message: *"The Threefold Office: Christ as HIGH PRIEST."*

Invitation Hymn:* *"Are you washed in the Blood?* (#330)."

Benediction.*

*The Congregation will please arise, if able.

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## Wednesday Night Prayer & Bible Study—7:00 PM.

Our in-depth studies in **Daniel** continue, as the "Three Holy Children" give their powerful and uncompromising answer to the king—a highlight! Whether it be through our deliverance or martyrdom, a sovereign God *will* be glorified!

## Today's Verse for Reflection:

"My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous."—1 John 2:1

## Week of June 20-26, 2021

Sunday School—8
Morning Worship—21
Mid-Week Prayer & Bible Study—6
Church Offering: $514.00

We will be having a special movie night on **Friday Evening, July 9th**, at **6:30 PM**, showing a wonderful Christian film—***Facing the Giants***. All of us face seemingly insurrmountable obstacles that bring great terror to our hearts—but under the powerful and protecting hand of God, THESE GIANTS MUST FALL!

**PS:** We will provide the **popcorn!**

REFOCUS CAMP MANTOWAGAN

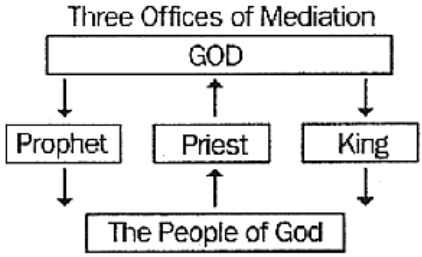
*"Trailblazer camp* (Grade 11-Grad) *concluded an excellent week on Saturday. Many campers enjoyed talking to their counselors and getting advice about life and many grew spiritually. Five campers gave their life to Jesus last week!"* Pathfinder camp (Grades 9-10) ended this week; pray this coming week for Adventurer Week (Grades 7-8).

# Our Great High Priest

## *"after the order of Melchizedek."*

(Pastor Terry L. Reese, Valley GBC, Armagh, PA; 6/27/2021)

**I. OT Levitic/Aaronic Priests** offered sacrifices unto God on behalf of the people for the cleansing of sin, serving as mediators between God and man, representing the people before God.




**The importance of their sacrifices.**

1. Holding back the outbreak of the wrath of a Holy God who dwelt uniquely amongst the Hebrew Nation.
2. Picturing the future atoning work of Messiah (Heb. 10:1)

**The limitations of their work:** The blood of animals could not answer as our saving propitiation (Heb. 10:1-4).

**II. The Better Way: JESUS, the MESSIAH,** the ultimate **High Priest** who offered a **once-for-all sacrifice** unto the Father of **infinite and everlasting value** (namely, Himself) on behalf of His people. He is thus both *offering* and *offeror* (Heb. 1:3, 9:11-12, 10:9-14; 1 John 1:7).

**A.** His Priesthood is that of **Melchizedek**—of a higher order than that of Aaron (Gen. 14:18-20; Ps.110:4; Heb. 6:19-20, 7:1-28).

**B. The Post-Ascension Priestly Ministries of Christ.** We have a sympathetic & merciful High Priest (Heb. 2:17-18, 4:14-16) who is alive and who ever ministers on our behalf, bringing us nigh unto God, ever interceding on our behalf! (Heb. 7:23-25; Rom. 8:34; 1John 2:1-2).